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ADDRESS.

In the presence of Almighty God, and of these witnesses, you now appear, to make a profession of your religious belief; to enter into covenant with this Church; and to offer yourself a living sacrifice to the Lord Jesus Christ. By partaking of these memorials, in obedience to his command, you desire to acknowledge and to commemorate his death on the cross, as the only ground of your hope of pardon, sanctification, and eternal life.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

YOU BELIEVE THAT—

I. There is one, and but one God, who is the Creator, and Preserver, and Governor of the Universe, and who possesses every natural and moral perfection.

Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord.—*Deut.* vi. 4. I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God besides me.—*Isa.* xlv. 5. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.—*Gen.* i. 1. O Lord, thou preservest man and beast—*Ps.* xxxvi. 6. And thou preservest them all.—*Neh.* ix. 6. Upholding all things by the word of his power.—*Heb.* i. 3. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.—*Ps.* ciii. 19. Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?—*Job.* xi. 7-9. For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. *Rev.* xix. 6. *Ps.* cx. 2. *Hab.* i. 12. *I. Tim.* i. 17. *Mal.* iii. 6. *Ps.* cii. 25-27. *Ps.* cxxxix. *Jer.* xxiii. 23, 24. *Ex.* xxxiv. 6, 7. *Isa.* vi. 3.

II. The Bible was written by holy men, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit; and it is a perfect rule of faith and practice.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.—*II. Pet.* i. 21. All scripture is given by inspiration of God.—*II. Tim.* iii. 16. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed.—*II. Pet.* i. 19. To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.—*Isa.* viii. 20. Thy word is truth.—*John* xvii. 17. Ye do err not knowing the scriptures.—*Mat.* xxii. 29. *I. Cor.* ii. 13. *Heb.* iii. 7. *Heb.* i. 1. *Gal.* i. 11, 12. *Ps.* cxix. *Ps.* xix. 7, 8. *II. Tim.* iii. 16, 17.

III. God exists in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in essence and equal in every divine perfection.

And God said, Let us make man in our image.—*Gen.* i. 26. Gave therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.—*Matt.* xxviii. 19. Grace be with you, from God the Father.—*II. John*, 3. In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.—*John* i. 1. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.—*Heb.* i. 8. This is the true God, and eternal life.—*I. John*, v. 20. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? Thou hast not lied unto man but unto God.—*Acts*, v. 3, 4. All scripture is given by inspiration of God.—*II. Tim.* iii. 16. Holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.—*II. Peter*, i. 21. The attributes and works of God are ascribed to the Son and the Spirit.—*See John*, ch. i. *Rom.* viii. 26, 27. *I Cor.* ii. 10–11. *Acts*, xiii. 2. *Isa.* xl. 9, 11. *Rev.* xxii. 12. *I. Cor.* ii. 8. *Hos.* i. 7. *Isa.* xlv. 24, 25. *Heb.* iii. 4. *I. Tim.* iii. 16. *Col.* i. 16, 17.

IV. God has, for his own glory, foreordained whatsoever comes to pass; and he works all things after the counsel of his own will: never impairing, but ever securing, the perfect moral agency of his rational creatures.

The Lord hath made all things for himself.—*Prov.* xvi. 4. For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever.—*Rom.* xi. 36. I have created him for my glory.—*Is.* xliii. 7. I am the Lord; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another.—*Is.* xliii. 8. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it;—and I will not give my glory unto another.—*Is.* xlviii. 11.

I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times



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the things that are not yet done.—*Is.* xlvi. 9, 10. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.—*Acts* xv. 18. According to his eternal purpose, which he purposes in Christ Jesus our Lord.—*Eph.* iii. 11. The counsel of the Lord standeth forever.—*Ps.* xxxiii. 11. He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth.—*Deut.* iv. 35. Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and fore knowledge of God.—*Acts* ii. 23. Being predominated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: that we should be to the praise of his glory.—*Eph.* i. 11, 12.

God created man in his own image.—*Gen.* i. 27. There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.—*Job*, xxxii. 8. Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing, or else excusing, one another.—*Rom.* ii. 15. A man's heart deviseth his way.—*Prov.* xvi. 9. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life.—*Deut.* xxx. 19. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.—*Phil.* ii. 12, 13. If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve.—*Josh.* xxiv. 15. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.—*Rev.* xxii. 17. They would none of my counsel.—*Prov.* i. 30. And did not choose the fear of the Lord.—*Prov.* i. 29.—*Rev.* iv. 11.—*Is.* xxv. 1.—*Is.* xlv. 7.—*Job*, vii. 1. *Job*, xiv. 5.—*Acts*, iv. 27, 28.—*Heb.* vi. 17.—*Jer.* ix. 13, 14.—*Jer.* xxiii. 17.

V. Adam was created perfectly holy: but he sinned; and thence all mankind are sinners; and, if not regenerated by the Holy Spirit, are ever entirely sinful in all their accountable character before God.

And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness. So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him.—*Gen.* i. 26, 27. God hath made man upright.—*Ecc.* vii. 29. Thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it.—*Gen.* iii. 17. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners.—*Rom.* v. 19. By one man sin entered into the world; and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.—*Rom.* v. 12. He saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—*Titus*, iii. 5. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.—*John*, iii. 5. That which is born of the flesh, is flesh.—*John*, iii. 6. They that are in the flesh cannot please God.—*Ro.* viii. 8. There is none righteous, no, not one.—*Rom.* iii. 10. There is none that doeth good, no, not one.—*Rom.* iii. 12. God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.—*Gen.* vi. 5.—*Gen.* viii. 21.—*Job*, xxx. 4.—*Ps.* li. 5.—*Is.* xlviii. 8.—*Jer.* iii. 5.—*Matt.* xii. 34.—*Rom.* i. ii. and iii.—*I Cor.* v. xiv.—*Eph.* ii. 1, 2, 3.—*Gen.* ii. 17.—*Matt.* xii. 3.

VI. Sin, being in its nature voluntary, and enmity against God, deserves the penalty of his law, endless punishment.

Sin is the transgression of the law.—*I John*, iii. 4. Sin is not imputed when there is no law.—*Rom.* v. 13. Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts.—*Matt.* xv. 19. When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.—*James*, i. 15. Why will ye die?—*Ez.* xviii. 31. Alienated, and enemies in your mind by wicked works.—*Col.* i. 21. The carnal mind is enmity against God.—*Rom.* viii. 7. They have both seen and hated both me and my Father.—*John*, xv. 24. He that is not with me, is against me.—*Matt.* xii. 30. After thy hardness and impenitent heart, treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath, and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.—*Rom.* ii. 5. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.—*Ps.* li. 4. That every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.—*Rom.* iii. 19. The soul that sinneth, it shall die.—*Ez.* xviii. 4. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.—*Mark*, ix. 44. These shall go away into everlasting punishment.—*Matt.* xxv. 46. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.—*II. Thess.* i. 9. *Ecc.* viii. 11.—*Heb.* iii. 12.—*Is.* xlv. 20.—*Rom.* i. 30.—*Is.* i. 2.—*Prov.* xxiv. 12.—*Rom.* ii. 6.—*Lu.* xvi. 26.—*John*, viii. 21.

VII. The Lord Jesus Christ, who is God and man, has by his death on the cross, made an atonement for the sins of the whole world.

The word was God.—*John*, i. 1. Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever.—*Rom.* ix. 5. God was manifest in the flesh.—*I. Tim.* iii. 16. The word was made flesh.—*John*, i. 14. The man Christ Jesus. *I. Tim.* ii. 5. Our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.—*Rom.* v. 11. Without shedding of blood is no remission. *Heb.* ix. 22. In whom we have redemption, through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.—*Eph.* i. 7. The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.—*I. John*, i. 7. He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.—*I. John*, ii. 2. The man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all.—*I. Tim.* ii. 5, 6. That he, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man.—*Heb.* ii. 9. *John*, iii. 11, 15, 16, 17. *Matt.* xxvi. 28. *Rom.* viii. 32. *II. Cor.* v. 14, 15. *I. Peter*, i. 18, 19, 20. *Rom.* v. 18, 19.

VIII. Through the atonement, the Lord Jesus freely offers pardon and complete justification, by faith alone, to

all sinners; yet they voluntarily refuse to repent, and accept salvation.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.—*Col. i. 14.* There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—*Acts, iv. 12.* Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.—*Mark, xvi. 15, 16.* Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—*Matt. xi. 28.* Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.—*Rev. xxii. 17.* God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.—*II. Cor. v. 19.* You, being dead in your sins,—hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses. *Col. ii. 13.* Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. *Rom. iii. 24.* Being now justified by his blood.—*Rom. v. 9.* A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.—*Rom. iii. 28.* Being justified by faith.—*Rom. v. 1.* A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ.—*Gal. ii. 16.* By the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men, unto justification of life.—*Rom. v. 18.* Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—*John, i. 29.* Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.—*John. v. 40.* We will not have this man to rule over us.—*Luke, xix. 14.* They would not come.—*Matt. xxii. 3.* Ye would not.—*Matt. xxiii. 37.* After thy hardness and impenitent heart, treasurest up unto thyself wrath.—*Rom. ii. 5.* *John, iii. 19.*—*Isa. lv. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7.* *John, vi. 35.* *Matt. xxii. 4.* *Luke, xiv. 17.*—*John, vii. 37.*

IX. And such as were not given to Christ, in the covenant of redemption, persist in sin; and by their own voluntary conduct, form themselves into vessels of wrath, fitted for destruction.

Whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world.—*Rev. xvii. 8.* I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me.—*John, xvii. 9.* They all with one consent began to make excuse.—*Luke, xiv. 18.* None of those men, which were bidden, shall taste of my Supper.—*Luke xiv. 24.* My people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts lust: and they walked in their own counsels.—*Ps. lxxxi. 11, 12.* They obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart.—*Jer. xi. 8.* Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge; God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things, which are not convenient.—*Rom. i. 28.* Ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.—*Jude, 5.* God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long suffering the vessels of wrath, fitted to destruction.—*Rom.*

ix. 22. Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost.—*Acts*, vii. 51. The heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.—*Ecc.* viii. 11. Thou hast destroyed thyself.—*Hos.* xiii. 9. *I. Pet.* ii. 8.—*John*, iii. 19, 36.—*Heb.* x. 23, 27, 28, 29.—*Ez.* xviii. 30.—*II. Pet.* ii. 12.—*Heb.* ii. 3.—*I. Tim.* ii. 4.—*Is.* lxvi. 3.

X. But, in the covenant of redemption, God has given to Christ a countless multitude of mankind, chosen in him from eternity, to be holy, and to be heirs of immortal glory.

Another book was opened, which is the book of life.—*Rev.* xx. 12. They which are written in the Lamb's book of life.—*Rev.* xxi. 27. The men, which thou gavest me out of the world.—*John* xvii. 6. This is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me, I should lose nothing.—*John*, vi. 39. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory.—*John* xvii. 24. A great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the Throne, and before the Lamb.—*Rev.* vii. 9. He hath chosen us in him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before him in love.—*Eph.* i. 4. Whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified.—*Rom.* viii. 30. *Is.* liii. 10.—*Eph.* i. 5.—*John*, x. 27, 28, 29. *John*, xvii. 9, 11.—*Rom.* ix. 11.—*Eph.* i. 11.—*I. Pet.* i. 2, 3, 4, 5.

XI. The Holy Spirit, by an act of special grace, renews the hearts of all the elect, and causes them, in the present life, to accept the salvation of the gospel.

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Christ.—*I. Pet.* i. 2. Not by works of righteousness which we here have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the working of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.—*Tit.* iii. 5. Because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.—*II. Thess.* ii. 13. Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. For our Gospel came not unto you in word only but also in power and in the Holy Ghost.—*I. Thess.* i. 5. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace.—*Gal.* v. 22. Which were born not of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God.—*John*, i. 13. So is every one that is born of the Spirit.—*John*, iii. 8. *Ps.* cx. 3. *John*, iii. 3. *Eph.* ii. 1. *I. Cor.* vi. 11. *Rom.* viii. 9, 10, 11, 14.

XII. The foundation of the elect's forgiveness and salvation from endless punishment, is the atonement of the

Lord Jesus Christ, in which they become interested by true faith alone ; yet God will reward them for all their holy services.

In whom we have redemption through his blood the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.—*Eph. i. 7.* And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.—*I. John i. 1, 7.* Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.—*Rom. iii. 21.* But we also joy in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.—*Rom. v. 11.* He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.—*John, iii. 36.* That he might bejust, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.—*Rom. iii. 26.* For by grace are ye saved through faith —*Eph. ii. 8.* And whosoever shall give to drink, unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.—*Matt. x. 42.* But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. *II. Cor. ix. 6.*

XIII. God promises to preserve all who have been renewed in the temper of their mind, from final apostacy, and to conduct them, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, into the kingdom of glory.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me : and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.—*John, x. 27, 29.* For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—*Rom. viii. 38, 39.* The righteous shall hold on his way and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.—*Job, xvii. 9.* Being confident of this very thing, that he that hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.—*Phil. i. 6.* Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.—*I. Peter, i. 5.* *Rom. viii. 30, 38, 39.* *John, iv. 14, vi. 40, 54, 58.* *Matt. vii. 22, 23.* *I. John, ii. 19.* *II. Peter, ii. 22.*

XIV. It is the privilege and duty of all such, and of such only, to be members and communicants in the visible church, as give scriptural evidence of being true disciples of Christ, in heart, belief, and life.

Despise ye the church of God?—*I. Cor. xi. 22.* He that despiseth you despiseth me.—*Luke, x. 16.* If we deny him, he also will deny

us.—*II. Tim.* ii. 12. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate.—*II. Cor.* vi. 17. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.—*Matt.* x. 32. Now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.—*I. Cor.* xii. 18. For his body's sake which is the Church.—*Col.* i. 24. Those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary.—*I. Cor.* xii. 22.—That the members should have the same care one for another.—*I. Cor.* xii. 25. Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.—*I. Cor.* xii. 27. We, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.—*Rom.* xii. 5. The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? for we are all partakers of that one bread.—*I. Cor.* 10, 16, 17. He brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.—*I. Cor.* xi. 21. The cup of blessing, which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?—*I. Cor.* x. 16. This cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.—*I. Cor.* xi. 25. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.—*I. Cor.* xi. 28. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.—*II. Cor.* xiii. 5. With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.—*Rom.* x. 10. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.—*Prov.* iv. 23. The life, which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.—*Gal.* ii. 20. Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.—*II. Tim.* ii. 19. Abstain from all appearance of evil.—*I. Thess.* v. 22. Be not conformed to this world.—*Rom.* xii. 2. *Eph.* v. 25, 26, 27. *Eph.* i. 22, 23. *I. Cor.* x. 21, 22.—*I. Cor.* xi. 27, 29. *Ec.* xii. 48. *Psa.* l. 16-22.

XV. The privilege of parents in the church, to consecrate their children to God, in the same outward rite as adults, which was first given to Abraham, the father of the faithful, has never been abolished; although the form of the consecrating rite has been changed from circumcision to baptism.

The Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee.—*Gen.* xvii. 1, 2. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee.—*Gen.* xvii. 7. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; every man child among you shall be circumcised; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.—*Gen.* xvii. 10, 11. And my covenant shall be in your flesh, for an everlasting covenant.—*Gen.* xvii. 13. Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.—*Gal.* iii. 15. The covenant

that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.—*Gal.* iii. 17. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all. As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations.—*Rom.* iv. 16, 17. That he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised.—*Rom.* iv. 11. They, which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.—*Gal.* iii. 7. Thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree.—*Rom.* xi. 24. Thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.—*Rom.* xi. 18. If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.—*Gal.* iii. 29. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.—*Gal.* iii. 9. The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.—*Acts.* ii. 39. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.—*I. Cor.* vii. 14. If ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.—*Gal.* v. 2.—They were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.—*Acts.* xix. 5. Teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.—*Matt.* xxviii. 19. The covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.—*Acts.* iii. 25.—That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.—*Gal.* iii. 14. I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.—*Isa.* xlv. 3. *Gen.* xviii. 19. *Gen.* vii. 1. *Jer.* xxx. 20. *Mal.* iv. 6. *Mark.* x. 13, 14, 15, 16. *Luke.* i. 17. *Acts.* xvi. 14, 15. *Acts.* xvi. 33. *I. Cor.* i. 16. *I. Cor.* x. 2.—*I. Chron.* xvi. 15, 16, 17. *Rom.* xi. 16, 17. *Ps.* cii. 28. *Ps.* xiii. 17, 18. *Gal.* iii. *Rom.* iv. *Rom.* xi. *Heb.* xi.

XVI. God has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, who will then receive the righteous to endless happiness, and sentence the wicked to endless punishment.

Because he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained.—*Acts.* xvii. 31. And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. *Heb.* ix. 27. We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. So then every one shall give account of himself to God.—*Rom.* xiv. 10, 12. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.—*Ecc.* xii. 14. And I saw the dead small and great stand before God.—*Rev.* xx. 12.

And the righteous into life eternal.—*Matt.* xxv. 46. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.—*John.* iii. 36. To them who

by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory, honor, and immortality—eternal life.—*Rom.* ii. 6, 7. But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Rom.* vi. 23. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.—*Rev.* vii. 16, 17.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment.—*Matt.* xxv. 46. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.—*II. Thess.* i. 9. The fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their portion in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death.—*Rev.* xxi. 8. He that believeth not shall be damned.—*Mark.* xvi. 16. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire.—*Rev.* xx. 15. Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. *Matt.* x. 28. He that is unjust let him be unjust still, and he that is filthy let him be filthy still.—*Rev.* xxii. 11. He that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.—*John.* iii. 36. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation. *Heb.* ii. 3. Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die.—*Ezek.* xxxiii. 11. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever.—*Rev.* xiv. 9, 11. *II. Pet.* ii. 17. *Jude.* 6, 7, 13. *Matt.* xii. 31, 32.—*Mark.* xiv. 21. and ix. 43, 49. *Rev.* xix. 3. *Matt.* iii. 12. *Isa.* lxvi. 24. *Isa.* xxxiii. 14. *Matt.* xviii. 8. and xxvi. 24. *Rom.* vi. 23.—*Rev.* xxii. 17, 18, 19.

COVENANT.

You do now, in the presence of the heart searching God, and before angels and men, choose the Lord Jehovah, for your God and portion, and you heartily receive the Lord Jesus Christ for your Redeemer and Saviour, and the Holy Spirit for your Teacher and Sanctifier. You do wholly renounce the service of Satan; and you promise to yield persevering obedience to all the divine commandments. You engage to receive in love the pure doctrines of the Gospel, as they are taught in the holy scriptures; and you promise to contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

You do submit yourself to the government of Christ in his church, and to the regular administration of his government in this church. You do covenant to attend the worship of God and the ordinances of the gospel with this church, so long as you are a member of it, and God continues you in this place. And you promise to be accountable to this church as long as you live, unless your relation to it be regularly dissolved. This you promise and covenant to do.

We do now receive you into our communion, and we covenant to watch over you, far as we providentially may, and to promote your spiritual edification with all fidelity

and tenderness ; treating you in truth and love as a member of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

And may the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God of the everlasting covenant, abide with, strengthen and cheer you amid all the temptations, trials and events of your earthly pilgrimage ; and proving faithful unto death, may you be prepared to eat of the supper of the Lamb with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and all the ransomed of the Lord, in the upper sanctuary of glory ; and to free and sovereign grace shall be all the praise,—
Amen.

ARTICLES OF DISCIPLINE.

1. A CHURCH consists of a number of visible saints, who unite and bind themselves, by a public profession of the Christian Religion, and by a mutual covenant, to maintain religious communion, in the worship and service of God, and the ordinances and discipline of the gospel.

2. Such a company of saints possesses all the power, which the Lord Jesus Christ has given to his church ; and is warranted, independently of any other body, to exercise in his name the authority, which he has given in the scriptures, for the maintenance of the peace, order, purity and happiness of his churches.

3. A church may exist, and has a right to act, respecting all its interests and concerns, previously to the election and appointment of its standing officers.

4. It is the duty and privilege of a church to choose and appoint its own officers, who are bound, when they are regularly inducted to office, to act as servants of the church for the promotion of its spiritual interests in the duties of their appointment.

5. No person ought to become the Pastor of a Church by ordination or installation, without previously becoming a member of it.

6. The ordinary and necessary officers of a church, are ministers and deacons ; but a church has a right to ap-

point any of its members to the performance of any service that may be accounted necessary or expedient for the advancement of its spiritual interests.

7. It is the office and duty of the minister to preside in the church, to preach the gospel, to administer the ordinances, and to labor publicly and privately for the spiritual welfare of all the souls, that are committed to his charge.

8. It is the office and duty of a deacon to perform any stated or occasional service, that is assigned by the church, and particularly to serve the church, at the administration of the Lord's Supper, and in the communication of their charity, to relieve the temporal necessities of its needy members.

9. A church is bound, by its covenant, and by the requirements and exhortations of the scriptures, to be attentive to the conduct and state of all its members, to maintain and manifest a spirit of christian affection and sympathy, and to watch for the prevention of unchristian and disorderly conversation and behavior.

10. If any member of a church do any injury or give any offence to another member, it is his duty to go without delay to the one whom he has injured or offended, and make a christian acknowledgement and confession of his fault; and render satisfaction to his offended or injured brother.

11. Whenever any member of a church is guilty of a scandalous offence, it is the duty of any other member, who has a knowledge of the offence, to go directly to the offender, and proceed with him according to the instructions of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew's gospel.

12. None ought to bring a complaint against a member of a church, before the body, unless they are satisfied there is just cause of complaint and evidence of the offence; nor until they have taken the private methods to convince and reclaim him.

13. A church ought not to receive a complaint against a member, unless it be brought by two or three, who testify, that the private methods to reclaim him have been taken, without success, and that he ought to be called to an account by the church.

14. A church ought to excommunicate every offending member, who persists in his offence, or does not afford evidence of repentance and reformation, after dealing with him according to the scriptures.

15. An excommunicated person may not be restored but upon a public confession of his sin, a profession of repentance and a reformation of his conduct.

RULES ADOPTED DECEMBER 1, 1856.

All letters of dismission hereafter given shall contain a proviso, annulling them if not presented within one year from date.

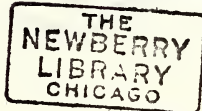
All non-resident members (embracing those to whom letters of dismission and recommendation have been granted) are required to report themselves to the church annually, by letter or otherwise.

Non-resident members neglecting to comply with the foregoing regulations for the term of three years, may not expect the church to grant letters of dismission and recommendation without a satisfactory explanation.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

P by Profession—L by Letter.

1807.			1826.	
Thomas Williams	L		Bethiah E. Brattell	L
1809.			1827.	
Elizabeth Carlile	P		Alice Chandler	P
Alice Clark	P		Lucy Ann Blanding	P
1812.			Clarissa R. Wilcox	L
Ruth H. Williams	L		Sophia Bolles	L
1814.			Elizabeth Richmond	P
Jarvis E. Gladding	P		Ann Maria Hardenberg	P
1815.			1829.	
Nancy Greene	P		Rebecca S. Allen	P
1817.			Lucy Stevens	P
Ebenezer S. Day	L		Olive Phillips	L
Susan Potter	P		Sarah P. Phillips	L
Caroline S. Field	L		Almira Salisbury	P
1819.			Lydia Carpenter	P
David Andrews	L		Hannah W. Cook	P
1820.			Stephen A. Phillips	L
John Humphrey	P		Maria D. Weston	L
Diana C. Humphrey	P		1830.	
John Johnson	L		Abraham H. Stillwell	P
Herman C. Fisher	P		Ruth Ann Weedon	P
Israel H. Day	P		Lydia A. Cook	L
Eliza Day	P		Albert Pabodie	P
Elizabeth Andrews	P		Jane H. Pabodie	P
Chloe Bassett	P		Charles Battey	P
Lucia Richmond	P		Emily P. Salisbury	P
1822.			Lucy C. Mason	P
Gilbert Richmond	L		Mary L. Greene	P
Elizabeth Richmond	L		Susan H. Greene	P
1823.			Mary Ann Miller	P
Anna W. Day	P		Maria Hutchins	L
1825.			1831.	
Abigail Yates	L		Calista Glover	P
			Mary M. Johnson	P
			Samuel Gray	P
			Marietta Branch	P
			Olive Short	P
			Jesse N. Bolles	P





Alfred D. Chase
 Julia A. Spear
 Sarah S. Wood
 Mary Tyler
 Lucy C. Southwick
 Henry S. Hutchins
 Edward A. Pabodie
 Sarah E. Miller
 Louisa F. Miller
 Sarah G. Marchant
 Clementine S. Cady
 Cornelia J. Pabodie
 Rebecca M. Burnham
 Julia Anna Pabodie
 Ann Day
 Henry S. Emerson
 Charles A. Pabodie
 Susan N. Gage
 Anna A. Robinson

1843.

Elizabeth Tower
 Cullen Whipple
 Roxa Richards
 Frances C. Daggett
 Thomas M. Hutchins
 Mary S. W. Reynolds

1844.

Elizabeth W. Chace
 Charlotte W. Read

1845.

Isaac F. Cady
 Clarissa Peck
 Meliscent Peck
 Ossian Sumner
 Eunice Carpenter
 Ellison McFarlane
 Marion McFarlane
 Ellison Nevin

1846.

Henrietta Caven
 Matilda H. Boms

1847.

Margaret Briggs
 Ann Jane McComb
 Jonathan G. Parkhurst
 John Muir
 William Coggeshall

P Maria L. Ghirardini P
 P Louisa G. Woodman P
 P Elizabeth Andrews P
 P Rebecca R. Pabodie P
 L Sarah H. Wheeler P
 P Mary C. Wilcox P
 P Eliza Caldwell L
 P Sarah Ross L
 P Anna W. Bolles P
 P George E. Allen P
 P Elizabeth P. Plimpton L

1848.

P Mary N. Dorrance L
 P Clara C. Parkhurst L
 P Hannah Cook L
 P Arnold B. Wardwell L
 L Ruth S. Wardwell L
 L Marietta W. Cook P
 P Eliza G. Potter P
 P Anna E. Greene P
 L Chester P. Hutchins P

1849.

P Mary Frances Johnson P
 L Hannah Turner P
 L Mary A. Turner P
 P Harriet W. Vernon P
 P Mary A. Talbot P
 L Lucy J. Hayward L
 L Elizabeth F. Jefferts P
 L Lucy Glover L
 P Albert G. Utley P
 P Clara R. Lewis P
 L Elizabeth W. Wilcox P
 L Maria G. Southwick P
 L John W. Angell P
 L David A. Andrews P
 L Nathan Darling L
 L Eleanor Darling L
 L Elizabeth H. Angell P
 L Isabella Hill L
 L Sarah C. Hill L
 P Sarah M. Wentworth L

1850.

P James B. Angell P
 P John Pendlebury L
 P Robert Muir L
 P Ann Elizabeth Pabodie P
 P Mary E. Mann P
 P Elizabeth M. Wheeler P

Silas Mason
 Jane Mason
 Celia M. Webber
 Caroline E. Webber
 Abby F. Webber
 Nathaniel Webber
 William L. Southwick
 Sarah S. Southwick
 Agnes L. Mason
 Elenor M. Mason
 Harriet Remington
 David C. Moulton
 Mary M. Moulton
 Harriet M. Parkhurst
 Stephen H. Thayer

	1856.	
L	Lucy M. Lummis	P
L	Eliza Ann Silver	L
L	Samuel S. Sprague	L
P	Esther P. Sprague	L
F	Bathsheba B. Sprague	L
P	Madelaide A. Holmes	P
P	Nelson Palmer	L
P	Daniel E. Day	L
L	Lydia R. Day	L
P	Ellen Starkey	L
P	Martha N. Tallman	L
P	Rhoda W. Turrell	L
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